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### **DARPA ANNOUNCES GRAND CHALLENGE AREA**

#### **Teams and Spectators told to make travel plans for the Las Vegas / Jean / Primm Vicinity Start Area and Route Remain Undisclosed**

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) today announced that participants and spectators for the DARPA Grand Challenge 2005 autonomous ground vehicle competition on Saturday, October 8, 2005, should reserve accommodations in the vicinity of Las Vegas, Jean, and Primm in southern Nevada.

The Grand Challenge route will not be disclosed until 2 hours before the event.

The Grand Challenge Event (GCE) will be preceded by the National Qualification Event (NQE) at California Speedway, Fontana, California (outside Los Angeles), from September 28 through October 5. Finalists will be selected at NQE to compete at GCE for the \$2 million prize.

For more information about the DARPA Grand Challenge, please visit the official website at [www.darpa.mil/GrandChallenge](http://www.darpa.mil/GrandChallenge).

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